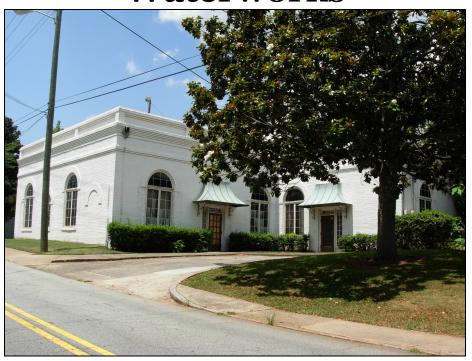
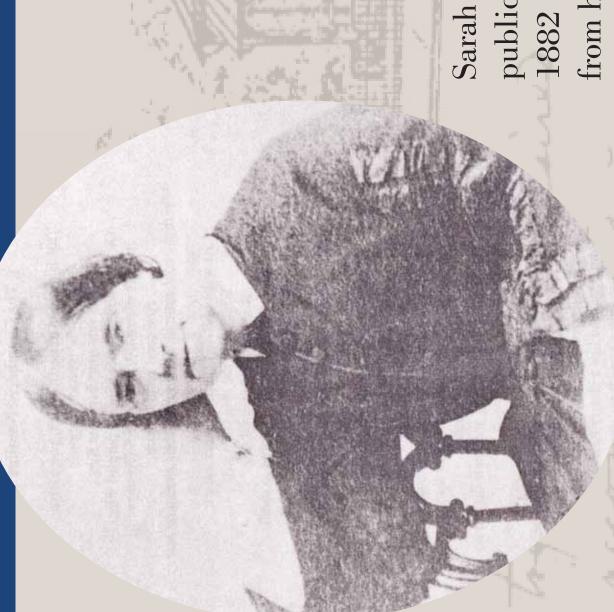
# Preservation Plan and Design Guidelines for the Marietta Waterworks





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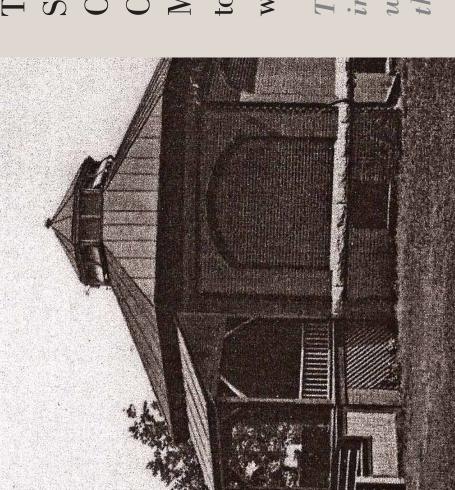
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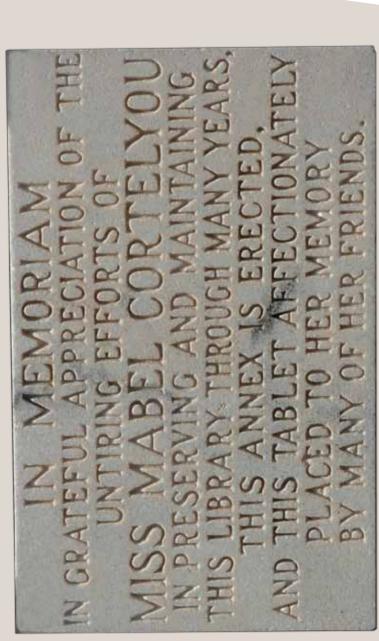
1882 when she allowed residents to borrow books it the





Clarke Library, modeled after the British to the public with 4,000 volumes, 2,000 of Street behind its original location. On Museum reading room, formally opened October 26, 1893, the Sarah Freeman which were donated by Ms. Clarke.

intricate brick details, recessed segmental arches in the brick The building contains many architectural features including thirty-two lights, four on each of the eight sides o walls, a stone belt course, and an octagonal



Plaque for south addition

Mabel Cortelyou for her years of service as a library volunteer. The south wing was added in 1927 and dedicated in honor of



but lacked

Dr. Oliver

a permanent location and public funding. Miss Clarke developed a plan to merge the

The next year, a group of citizens organized the Marietta Library Association,

Sarah Freeyay Clarke

two libraries and encouraged her many friends from New England, including

Marietta Clarke Library ca 1940s

In 1938, an addition to the rear was completed and the north wing was added in 1945. The Clarke Library added two branches, Fort Hill and Marietta Hill, prior to merging into the Cobb County Library System in 1959

Historic Landmark by the City of Marietta Historic This property has been designated as a Local Preservation Commission.





## 3.0 Property Information

### 3.1 History of the Marietta Waterworks

The Marietta Waterworks building was constructed in 1910 and was the first city owned waterworks in Marietta. The city's citizens voted to construct a "first class system" when the privately owned and operated waterworks system was deemed inadequate.

The first waterworks used by the City of Marietta was built in 1894 by the Marietta Paper Manufacturing Company. The mill was in need of a waterworks system in order for it to expand and the city needed a waterworks system for its citizens. Though the company was granted rights to build a waterworks and supply the city, Marietta retained the right to build its own waterworks when the need arose. By 1908, the mill owned waterworks was inadequate for city use.

On November 16, 1908, the citizens of Marietta voted to issue \$80,000 water bonds and \$80,000 sewage bonds. A two-thirds vote was required to authorize the issue. Both bond issues passed, with the water bond approved with 396 votes for and only thirteen against. "After the result was known the jubilant crown rung the court house and fire engine bells, exploded fire works and lit up the square with a bonfire."

The Marietta Journal and Courier reported that men had begun clearing trees at the site on December 3, 1909. However, later that month a Superior Court judge granted an injunction filed by the Trust Company of Georgia, formerly the Marietta Paper Manufacturing Company. The Trust Company argued that the new waterworks would divert water from Allgood's Creek, which would decrease waterpower and limit their expansion plans. "The Trust company says it is one of the largest taxpayers in the city and this is 'a scheme to ruin its property and confiscate it." By mid January 1910, work resumed on the waterworks when another judge dismissed the injunction.

On November 11, 1910, The Marietta Journal and Courier published the forty-eight regulations passed by the City Council outlining how water may be obtained from the city's system. On November 17, 1910, Dr. S.D. Rambo was the first citizen to connect to the waterworks and was followed in rapid succession by Mr. Joe Black, Judge Morris, Mr. H.N. DuPre, and others. "Up to date about fifty applications for water have been filed and the taps are being made as rapidly as possible. The people seem anxious to get the artesian water and it is expected that in a short while practically the entire city will be using it."

On December 2, 1910, the Marietta Journal and Courier reported that 125 connections have been applied for by residents with forty or more being connected already and new

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "Sewerage and Water Bonds Carried," The Marietta Journal, November 19, 1908, pg. 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> "Work Started on New Water Works," The Marietta Journal and Courier, pg. 10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> "Atlanta Judge Stops the Work on Marietta's New Water Works," The Marietta Journal and Courier, December 24, 1909, pg. 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> "City Council Adopts Rules in Regard to Water Service," The Marietta Journal and Courier, November 11, 1910, pg. 4

<sup>8 &</sup>quot;New Water System Begins Operations," The Marietta Journal and Courier, November 25, 1910, pg. 1

applications coming in every day. By the end of the month work on connections was suspended because the city's meter supply ran out and with sixty nine connections but still 135 applications still pending, the city can barely keep up with the demand.

### 3.2 Architectural Description

The Marietta Waterworks is located at 426 Sessions Street, Marietta, Georgia 30060. It is less than half a mile from the historic Church-Cherokee corridor and less than a mile from Marietta's historic square. The building is surrounded on the north and west by the modern waterworks property, on the south by Sessions Street, and on the east by the original reinforced concrete basin.

The building is asymmetrical and roughly L in shape with the inside of the L facing Sessions Street. It is one story in height. The foundation is a concrete slab and the roof is flat. The exterior of the building is brick in a six-course common bond and painted white.

The building's decorative elements include its windows and a wide stepped entablature giving it elements of the Neoclassical Revival architecture style. The wood windows are all eight-beside-eight casement windows with fixed eight-light arched windows and brick arch above unless noted otherwise.

The building has two front doors located inside the L, one on the southeast façade and one on the southwest. The doors have been replaced but the asymmetrical surround seems to be original with a four light transom above and a two-by-seven light sidelight to one side. A metal awning has been added above both doors, covering a brick arch similar to the arch above the windows. The southeast façade has a window on either side of the door, while the southwest façade has one window to the west of the door.

The southwest façade located closest to Sessions Street also appears to have once had a door, which is now bricked in. To the west of the bricked in door are three windows, the two outside windows being larger in size than the middle one. The southeast façade located closest to the concrete basin has at least one typical window on its southern portion but landscape overgrowth blocks the remaining sections of the façade from public view.

The northwest façade has two typical windows on the south portion with the remaining two windows standard six-over-six double-hung windows. The north section is located behind a fence and due to this design element, was never meant to be within public view. The landscaping behind the fence is overgrown with several vines growing up the side of the building and over the two windows on the north section. There appears to be a portion of a west addition still standing but as this is not within the public view it is unknown how much of this portion still exists. The northeast façade is completely out of view from the public right-of-way.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> "Sparkling Water Furnished by City," The Marietta Journal and Courier, December 3, 1910, pg. 1

The property has limited landscaping with a small lawn between the building and Sessions Street. Much of the property's landscape is overgrown especially on the east and west sides of the property. There is a parking pad located within the L shape of the building with walkways providing access to each door. This front area is also landscaped with well-kept bushes close to the building.



# GEORGIA HISTORIC RESOURCES

**Historic Preservation Section** Georgia Department of Natural Resources Atlanta, Georgia 30334

205 Butler Street, Suite 1462 404/656-2840

Resource No. CO-M-176 County Cobb

For instructions, see the Georgia Historic Resources Survey Manual

- 1 Name(s) of resource City of Marietta Water Works
- 3 Address/location

315 (or 426) Sessions St. Marietta

4 Owner's name and mailing address

2 Locati	on map	with	North	at	top
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O Structure

O Site

O Object

- O Landscape feature
- 6 O Representative example of building type Number represented
- 7 Use, current public works original public works
- 8 Date of construction (or estimate)
- 9 Major changes & date (explain in No.25)
  - Altered
- O Moved
- Addition
- O Destroyed
- Architect/engineer/designer

Unknown

11 Contractor/builder/craftsman

Unknown

12 Style

Neoclassical Revival - elements

- 13 Building type
- 14 Original Floor Plan

one room - one room deep

15 Plan shape

L-shaped

16 Number of stories

- 17 Facade summetry & front door(s) asymmetrical, one door
- 18 Roof type & material
- 19 Chimney placement & material no chimney observed - unknown material
- 20 Type of construction brick bearing
- 21 Exterior material(s)

common/American

22 Foundation material(s)

brick continuous

23 Porch(es)

stoop (front, 1 story, partial, metal, hip)

24 Windows

casement (round-headed, unknown, rectangular)

25 Additional physical description Corbeled brickwork in comice.

Addition - 1940 - rear brick addition, rear wood and metal addition

Altered - 1965 - two front doors blocked, new doors installed

26 Negatives: roll # 58

frames #



27	Des	cription	of	outbuild	ings (	if a	ny)	į

28 Site plan with North at top



29 Description of landscape features

designed plantings/planting beds; yard setting - informal/picturesque; terracing/contouring/retaining walls

- 30 Number of buildings
- structures
- outbuildings
- sites
- landscape features
- 31 Description of the environment

urban - residential (mixed old and new) industrial setting/park (mixed old and new)

32 Archaeological potential



33 History

Bonds men voted to finance the contruction of the waterworks in late 1908. The system began operating in November 1910.

34 Historical theme(s)

THEMES: architecture; engineering; community planning; public works

35 Significance

history - development (good example/illustration)

36 Sources of information First 100 Years local historian 8, 33

37 Prepared by (person, organization and address)

38 Date of survey 1994 - 1994

resurvey

David Cullison City of Marietta 205 Lawrence St. Marietta, GA 30060

39 Government preservation activity

- O Section 106 review
- O Tax certification
- O Grant O Other
- 40 SHPO evaluation

appears to meet Nat. Reg. criteria

41 USGS quadrangle name Marietta

UTM reference

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42 Tax map number 16 114750

43 Recognition and date

- **Ö** National Landmark
- O National Register
- O Georgia Register
- O Local designation
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"Sewerage and Water Bonds Carried." *The Marietta Daily Journal*: November 19, 1908, p. 1.

# MEN WATER WI Force of Men Clearing Away Timber From the Site of the Lake. A force of hands began vigorous work Monday on the new water-works system for Marietta. They started clearing off the timber from the site of the lake on Allgood's creek, and as soon as that is completed work on the dam at that point will be started. The pipe for the gravity flow from the upper lake to the second basin or reservoir will arrive in a day or two, and that part of the undertaking will be pushed rapidly. The iron pipe for the system has been ordered, and all steps have been taken to press the work forward. The measured distance from the reservoir to the stand-pipe on Campbell hill is 9,550 feet. Marietta will not have to wait long for the water from Blackiack.

"Work Started on New Water Works." *The Marietta Daily Journal and Courier*: December 3, 1909, p. 10.

# ATLANTA JUDGE STOPS THE WORK ON MARIETTA'S NEW WATER WORKS.

Injunction Suit is Filed By the Trust Company of Georgia.

CASE SET FOR HEARING ON 15TH OF JANUARY

Claimed That City Would Damage Old Water Power on Soap's Creek.

The fight between the people of Marietta and the Trust Company of Georgia over the new water works has been started and bids fair to be prolonged and bitter.

The litigation was begun Monday when the Trust company filed an injunction suit before Judge Bell in the Superior Court in Atlanta restraining the Water Board and the contractors from doing any more work toward the construction of the new water works.

Judge Bell granted the injunction

Judge Bell granted the injunction and everything has come to a standstill and not a shovelful of dirt can be handled until the case is heard on January 15th.

It is believed the city will, if neceseary, give bond and proceed with the work as soon as the matter can take that course.

that course.

The Trust company owns the present water works but has no exclusive franchise, the city having expressly reserved the right to construct and operate its own water system. The present system being wholly inadequate the people of Marietta voted for bonds to construct a first class system and a contract for such a system has been let. The Water Commissioners offered to buy the eld system with a view to enlarging it but the Trust company asked more than the

Commissioners were willing to pay.

The Trust company now seeks to prevent the city from building its own aystem. If the company should win Marietta would be helpless to far as fire protection and sewer fushing are concerned. The extent to which this is true may be understood when it is known that the Trust company has only [41] fire plugs while the city has contracted for 122. The city system would take in everything from the Knitting Mills to Black's lumber yard and in fact give protection to every house in Marietta. The Trust company's system does not give this protection nor does it give adequate pressure even where its hydrants are located.

The sewer system about completed would be almost useless without the city's water system. This is the situation and it can by seen that the outcome of the litigation is of vital importance to the people of Marietta.

### POINTS IN THE SUIT.

The Trust company owns the water power on Soap's creek at the site of the old paper mill. The company claims that it intends to develop that property and that the city is preparing to divert the waters of Allgood's creek which is one of the tributaries of Soap's creek. This would mean the taking away of fifteen per cent of the water of Soap's creek and would, it is alleged, rain that water power.

It is also claimed that a part of the sewage of the city would run into

Soap's creek.

The Trust company says it is one of the largest tax payers in the city and this is "a scheme to ruin its property and configure it."

### LAWYERS IN THE CASE.

The lawyers of the Trust company are Gober & Griffin of Marietta and Anderson, Felder, Rountree & Wilson of Atlanta.

There has been an impression that Gober & Griffin would be retained by the city and they do represent the city in the condemnation proceedings

against the Louisville & Nashville railroad and Mrs. Campbell, in which it is sought to obtain land for the new pumping station and stand pipe; though they oppose the city in the litigation to obtain the Kemp property for the reservoir.

In the big fight which is to determine whether the city shall have new water works Gober & Griffin represent the company. Judge Gober is recognized as one of the ablest lawyers in the State, and while is believed that no lawyer could win this case for the company the fact that Judge Gober has been employed indicates that it will be a hard fought battle.

The fact that the case is not to be tried before Judge Morris is explained by an affidavit by Judge Gober who says he has a contingent fee and that he is related within the forth degree to Judge Morris.

On that the case went to Judge Bell in Atlanta who granted the temporary injunctian and set the hearing for 9

o'clock January 15th.

Col. D. W. Blair will represent Marietta in the litigation. He will be a match for the legal talent arrayed against him.

### NO EXCLUSIVE PEANOMISE.

The petition to operate a water system in Marietta was granted by the city council October 17, 1896 and contained the following:

"The Marietta Paper Manufacturing Co., petitioners, does not ask the exclusive right to put in a system of waterworks. The city itself may erect a system if it desires or authorize others to do so."

Mr. Thomas M. Brumby was mayor

The Conteville & Nashville railroad has filed an injunction suit in Atlanta before Judge Pardes of the United States Court to prevent the condemnation proceedings to obtain a site for the number station.

The Water Board held a meeting Wednesday and instructed Col. Blair to to shead and look after the city's in-

An idea of the injury to Maristta by

# MR. S. K. DIIIK HESIGNS FROM WATER BOARD

Mr. L. B. Robeson Elected to Succeed Him-Mr. Cole on School Board.

At a meeting of the city council Monday night Mr. L. B. Robeson tendered his resignation as a member of the Roard of Education and Mr. D. C. Cole was elected to succeed him.

Mr. S. K. Dick resigned as a member of the Water Board and Mr. Robeson

Mr Dick resigned on account of his health and because he was soon to move out of the city.

Mr. Robsson is elected for a term of eight years. He is a good business man and an earnest advocate of the new sewer and water system.

### NOTICE.

On account of the rush I find I will be unable to wait on all the people, and I have decided to hold my book open until January 1st. I you have not paid your tax it will pay you to do so, as will positively issue fifa against all who have no paid by that time.

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W. P. STEPHENS,
Tax Collector

### Legislative Acts Ready.

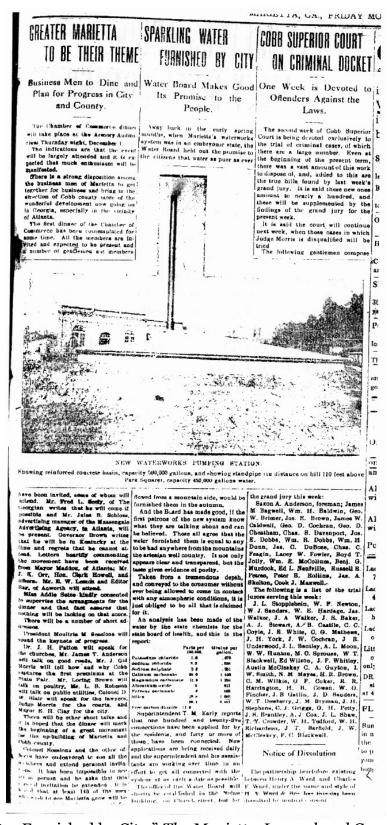
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Work Being Rushed to Supply the Demand for City's Water.

Fifty meters for the city waterworks arrived Tuesday, and fifty more are on the road. The connections with the new system have been made so rapidly that the supply of meters ran out and the work had to be suspended for a few days.

Superintendent Early has been trying to hurry things along and he has been greatly disappointed on account of being unable to get the meters fact enough.

With fifty on hand and fifty more coming, and with orders placed for others, he feels that he can keep up with the demand for water.

Sixty-nine connections have been made to date and there are one hundred and thirty-five applications still on file, with others coming in every day. This means that there are over two hundred who will soon be using the water, which is about one-third the total list of consumers.

The machinery is working finely and Mr. Early is enthusiastic over the way the artesian wells are responding to the pumps with a bounteous supply of clear and sparkling water.

SUGGESTION FOR A CHRISTMAS

"Fifty Meters Arrive Fifty More Coming." *The Marietta Journal and Courier*: December 23, 1910, p. 2.